

**Attorney Docket No. 44342.023000****Remarks**

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for his courtesy during the telephone conference conducted on June 12, 2006. Pursuant to that telephone conference, it is agreed that the present application is a 371 of PCT/JP03/16653.

The Examiner has required an election under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 11-19, drawn to a process for producing PNPase in an E.coli transforming with a PNPase gene derived from prokaryotic organism.
- II. Claim 10 drawn to a process for producing polyinosinic acid and polycitidylic acid using PNPase.

Applicant respectfully traverses this requirement. In order to make this response responsive to the action, applicant elects Group I.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this restriction requirement and an examination of all of the pending claims is requested. It is believed that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned at (212) 801-2134. The undersigned may also be contacted by e-mail at [diebnerg@gtlaw.com](mailto:diebnerg@gtlaw.com).

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No fee is believed due for filing this Response. If any fees are due, however, please deduct them from our Account No. 50-1561.

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